

# CITY OF KINGSTON

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### **Mayor Steve Noble issues statement regarding Family Court referendum**

(*Kingston, N.Y.*) Mayor Steve Noble is pleased to support the efforts of the City of Kingston's Common Council to inform all constituents of what is at stake if a proposed referendum allowing the movement of Family Court is approved.

"It is our position that moving the Family Court outside of the City limits is a detriment to our community," said Mayor Noble. "By serving as the County Seat, Kingston carries the great responsibilities that come with that honor. Studies have shown that a strong and vibrant urban core includes a wide array of government facilities that serve as anchor institutions. Removing the Family Court without thoroughly evaluating the short and long term impacts to our businesses and residents leaves our community in a difficult position. While I have a great respect for our County leadership, I believe this move undermines the responsibilities and benefits of Kingston in its role as the County Seat. It sets a precedent with serious consequences. What other services and facilities will be considered for removal in the future? Are our neighboring communities next to suffer the displacement or consolidation of essential services? It is because of these questions and concerns, along with those stated by my partners in the Common Council, that I must voice my opposition to the proposed referendum."

The Common Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to pass a memorializing resolution against the proposition. The referendum will be considered by all registered voters during the General Election next Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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